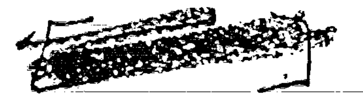
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Department of the Air Force

ATTENTION : Major James F. Byrne
AFCIN-X1A

SUBJECT : Declassification of the "Report of the Scientific Panel on Unidentified Flying Objects"

1. We have just received the final letter from the members of the above Panel concerning your request for declassification of the above report. Both CIA and all members of the Panel have agreed that the conclusions of paragraph 2. can be declassified and that Recommendation 4.a. can be declassified. However, it is the decision of all concerned that no connection with CIA may be disclosed, that the conclusion of paragraph 3. may not be declassified and that the recommendation of 4.b. may not be declassified. On the basis of the above declassification, no member of the Panel objects to the use of his name in connection with the declassified conclusion and recommendation.

2. In order to simplify your utilization of the declassified material, I am attaching hereto a revised version of the report of the Panel which consists of a paraphrase of paragraph 1, the exact wording of paragraph 2, a new paragraph 3 which includes the declassified Recommendation 4.a. and an appropriate paraphrasing of the balance of paragraph 4 less Recommendation 4.b.

3. I trust that this will serve the purposes of this request.

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cc: Members of Panel



REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC PANEL
ON
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

17 January 1953

1. The undersigned Panel of Scientific Consultants has met at the request of the Government to evaluate any possible threat to national security posed by Unidentified Flying Objects ("Flying Saucers"), and to make recommendation. The Panel has received the evidence as presented by cognizant Governmental agencies, primarily the United States Air Force, and has reviewed a selection of the best documented incidents.

2. As a result of its considerations, the Panel concludes:

That the evidence presented on Unidentified Flying Objects shows no indication that these phenomena constitute a direct physical threat to national security.

We firmly believe that there is no residuum of cases which indicates phenomena which are attributable to foreign artifacts capable of hostile acts, and that there is no evidence that the phenomena indicate a need for the revision of current scientific concepts.

3. In the light of this conclusion, the Panel recommends:

That the national security agencies take immediate steps to strip the Unidentified Flying Objects of the special status they have been given and the aura of mystery they have unfortunately acquired.

We suggest that this aim may be achieved by an integrated program designed to reassure the public of the total lack of evidence of inimical forces behind the phenomena.

/s/ Lloyd V. Berkner
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